

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Meyer et al.)	Art Unit: 1755
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U.S. Serial No. 10/748,084)	Examiner: Karl E. Group
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Filed: December 30, 2003)	
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For: METAL OXIDE POWDERS)	
AND METAL OXIDE-BINDER)	
COMPONENTS WITH BIMODAL)	
PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTIONS,)	
CERAMICS MADE THEREFROM,)	
METHOD OF PRODUCING)	
BIMODAL METAL OXIDE)	
POWDERS, METHOD FOR)	
PRODUCING CERAMICS, AND)	
DENTAL CERAMIC PRODUCTS)	

**APPLICANT'S SUMMARY OF
TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW HELD NOVEMBER 6, 2007**

MS Amendment
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Group for the courtesy in agreeing to a telephonic interview. The interview was held between the undersigned attorney and Examiner Group, with no others participating.

No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted. The claims submitted in the amendment filed October 30, 2007, were discussed at an abstract level. The prior art Kelly reference was referred to but not discussed in substance.

The general thrust of the primary argument of the applicant was that the claims as amended defined over the prior art and were supported by inherent disclosure of the application. As best understood by the applicant's representative, the general thrust of the principal argument of the examiner was that the inherent disclosure did not support the entire scope of a claim to a ceramic having a crystalline matrix. Instead, the examiner suggested that, in principle, claims reciting particular metal oxides, such as those recited in claim 36, appeared to be allowable over the present prior art, although another search would be

conducted. In addition, the examiner and the applicant's representative noted that inventions directed to methods and powder compositions were previously restricted out of the application, and claims directed to ceramic compositions were elected.

Final agreement on patentability was not reached for any claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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